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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on:

- the international application in the language in which it was filed
 a translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
 international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b))
 publication of the international application (Rule 12.4(a))
 international preliminary examination (Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

- the international application as originally filed/furnished
 the description:

pages	1-7	as originally filed/furnished
pages *	received by this Authority on	
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- the claims:

pages	as originally filed/furnished
pages *	as amended (together with any statement)under Article 19
pages *	received by this Authority on 28. Jul. 2005 (28.07.2005)
pages *	received by this Authority on

- the drawings:

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- a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- the description, pages _____
 the claims, Nos. _____
 the drawings, sheets/figs _____
 the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
 any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

- the description, pages _____
 the claims, Nos. _____
 the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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 any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement:

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-8	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-8	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-8	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Novelty

The prior art does not disclose the subject matters of claims 1-8. Thereof, they are considered to be novel under the terms of Article 33(2) PCT.

Inventive step

CN2174851Y, which is considered to represent the most relevant state of the art, discloses (see line 16, page 1 - line 6, page 2) a confectionary comprising a center and a shell. And the said shell contains several layers whose color, taste and mouthfeeling is different. Compared with the document, claim 1 has the difference that at least one domain contains sugar-free sweetening agent, and the domains of different characters have different fineness of crystals, and the fineness of adjacent domains vary from each other. However, the prior art does not give the taught of applying above mentioned techniques to obtain different taste and mouthfeeling. So it is non obvious for the person skilled in the art to reach the technical proposal of claim 1. Since claims 2-8 are dependent on claim 1, they are considered to be non obvious. Thereof claims 1-8 involve an inventive step under the terms of Article 33(3) PCT.

Industrial applicability

The subject matters of the claims 1-8 appear to be industrially applicable under the terms of Article 33(4)PCT., because the confectionary claimed can be made industrially.